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The Public Records Division of the Public Archives of Canada has responsibility for the organization and retention of all federal government records of historical interest. In this publication we list those parts of the records of the Canada Department of Labour (Record Group 27) held by the Public Records Division which have particular relevance for labour history in the province of British Columbia. The Department of Labour was created in 1900 and for 75 years has administered the labour legislation passed by the Parliament of Canada as well as acting as a research centre and clearing house for information on employment, wages, working conditions and labour organization in Canada. During the 1930's the Department was responsible for federal relief administration, for a programme of technical and vocational training after 1937 and beginning in 1940 for Unemployment Insurance. During World War II the mobilization and control of the Canadian workforce required by the war effort made it one of the fastest growing departments in the government. The National Selective Service, the War Labour Board and the British Columbia Security Commission were all part of the Department or reported to Parliament through the Minister of Labour. Until 1966 and the creation of the Department of Manpower and Immigration the Department of Labour held considerable responsibility in those areas as well.

At present the Public Records Division holds about 2,800 linear feet/840 metres of Department of Labour material. These records cover all aspects of the Department's 75 year history though unfortunately some Department of Labour material has not survived. About 70 per cent of these records are fully processed and easily accessible to researchers. Work is proceeding on the remainder while new material is being transferred from the Department of Labour to the Division on a regular schedule. The staff of the Division are interested in publicizing the extent and nature of their holdings among researchers, teachers and the general public. It is hoped that this publication (produced as a contribution to the work of the Pacific Northwest Labour History Conference, University of British Columbia, May 9 - 10, 1975) will help to inform persons interested in British Columbia's rich labour history of the relevant material existing within just one of the Division's 99 record groups. Researchers can consult these files and records in the Public Archives in Ottawa. The Archives also maintains inquiry and reproduction services for researchers outside Ottawa. The address is:

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Please Note:

1. For purposes of organization and reference the Public Records Division brings together all those records of similar origin i.e. created by one Department into a single record "group". For each record group an inventory is prepared which gives a brief history of the creating agency or Department and its work as well as describing the contents and outside dates of the actual records. Further information is found in the Finding Aids for each record group. These are kept on file in the Public Records Division and usually include a list of the titles of the files in each volume of the record group. Where material has been received by the Archives but has not been fully processed and placed on permanent retention it is listed as an "accession" in the record group inventory. Researchers then know that the records exist even though they are still being organized. In the list below records fully organized are listed by volume number; records still being organized are listed by their accession number.

2. All Department of Labour records are open up to the end of 1945 with the exception of some which bear sensitive information on private individuals still living. Records less than 30 years old are marked with an asterisk (*); access to these records is still controlled by the Department of Labour. Researchers wishing to examine these records must receive permission directly from the Deputy Minister, Canada Department of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

John Smart,
Resource Records Section,
Public Records Division.
April 1975

RG 27 vols. 1-4, Labour Gazette Reports on Employment, 1914-1916, 1 ft. 4in./40 cm.

These are reports from local correspondents of the Labour Gazette (the Department's major publication) with occasional representations made by various associations and societies.

vol. 4 - includes reports on Nelson, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Victoria.

RG 27 vols. 5-31, Retail Prices of Staple Commodities, 1910-1940, 9 ft./2.7 metres.

These records of prices were compiled mainly by correspondents of the Labour Gazette. They were intended to show changes in the cost of living in each locality from month to month and also to indicate the comparative prices in the various locations.

Included are Fernie (1908-1921), Nanaimo (1918-1921), Nelson (1918-1921), New Westminster (1918-1921), Prince Rupert (1920-1921), Trail (1917-1921), Vancouver (1918-1921), Victoria (1918-1931).

RG 27 vols. 32-3, Wages and Hours of Work, 1890-1941, 8 in./20 cm.

Volume 33 contains a report on conditions in British Columbia for 1909.

*RG 27 vols. 63-4, Economics and Research Branch, 1951-1958, 1 ft./30 cm.

These two volumes contain a sampling of material compiled by the Branch. B.C. material is as follows.

- Vol. 63 6 - Local labour market situations - Labour Surplus Progress Reports for a variety of British Columbia communities 1956-1957.
- 9 - Monthly summaries of employment conditions in various British Columbia communities - October 1956 and October-November 1957.

RG 27 vols. 65-274, Lacelle Files, 1902-1945, 71 ft./21.3 m.

Joseph Henry Lacelle was an employee of the Department of Labour from 1905 to 1946. He designed the original departmental file system and the files built up during that period are collected under his name. These records deal with all aspects of the department's work during the period.

The following volumes contain material on British Columbia.

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87	423:2:10 vols. 1-8	Rates of Wages and Labour conditions on Shipbuilding and Repair Work in British Columbia, 1940-1945.
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194	617.1:3-3 vol. 8	The Relief Act, 1932 - Orders-in-Council. Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province of British Columbia, <u>re</u> Relief Settlement, 1932-1933.
197	617.1:4 vol. 10	The Relief Act, 1933. Unemployment Relief, Province of British Columbia, Orders-in-Council and Agreements, 1933-1934.
201	617.1:5 vol. 12	The Relief Act 1934 - Unemployment Relief, Province of British Columbia. Orders-in-Council and Agreements, 1934-1936.

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| 209 | 617.9.1
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*RG 27 vols. 275-292, Immigration and Labour Files, 1943-1965, 13 ft./3.9 m.

Administrative files dealing with immigration matters including the effects of immigrants on the labour market.

Volume 288 File 1-26-40, 1-3 contains material on the "British Columbia Immigrant Labour Project" February 1951-June 1952.

*RG 27 vols. 294-556, Strikes and Lockouts, 1900-1962, 262 ft./78.6 m.

These files contain reports on industrial disputes filed with the Department of Labour by both employers and unions along with any pertinent correspondence. Files on strikes of any major importance usually include a selection of newspaper clippings.

About 1200 B.C. strikes and lockouts occurring between 1907 and 1962 are covered. Of these 167 occurred before 1920 and 180 occurred between 1930 and 1934.

*RG 27 vols. 837-931, Committees, Conferences, Meetings, etc., 1920-1966, 63 ft./18.9 m.

These files relate to federal Boards, Conferences, Committees and Councils which dealt with matters affecting the Canadian labour scene. Vols. 842-845 contain the records of the Pacific Regional Advisory Board, 1942-1952. This Board began as part of the National Selective Service and reviewed general problems of labour supply in British Columbia.

*RG 27 vols. 967-999, 1478-1526, National Selective Service Operations, 1939-1947, 40 ft./12 m.

Vols. 1524-1526 contain additional records of the Pacific Regional Advisory Board.

*RG 27 vols. 1744-1894, Conciliation and Arbitration, 1944-1970, 123 ft./36.9 m.

The appointment of conciliation officers and arbitrators in industrial disputes is one of the oldest and most important functions of the Department of Labour. These files cover 200 cases from the province of British Columbia where the Department became involved. Also included are the following files.

vol. 1752	Industrial Conditions in Various Industries.
file 7-24-2-2	Fishing Industry Pacific Coast, 1945-1953.

vol. 1753	Industrial Conditions in Various Industries.
file 7-24-5-1 and 2	Logging and Sawmill Industry British Columbia, 1941-1954.

vol. 1753 file 7-24-10	Industrial Relations - Industrial Conditions in Various Industries - Pulp and Paper Industry - B.C. 1947-1966.
vol. 1753 file 7-24-11	Industrial Relations - Industrial Conditions in Various Industries - Fruit and Vegetable Industry - Okanagan Valley, B.C. 1947-1951.
vol. 1754 file 7-24-13	Industrial Conditions Relations Wages. Industrial Conditions in Various Industries. Furniture Industry in British Columbia, September 1947-June 1953.

RG 27 accession 70/503, Unemployment Relief Commission, 1950-1942, 230 ft./69 m.

The Unemployment Relief Commission administered legislation passed by the federal government to deal with the major effects of the Depression on the Canadian population. Its records are currently being organized by the Public Records Division. About 15 per cent of the material (35 boxes) deals with British Columbia. One quarter of this consists of financial records (cheque requisitions, accounts and payments). Correspondence, reports, and memoranda passing between federal and British Columbia authorities constitute about one third of these 35 boxes.

Included are some detailed reports on the activities of the organized unemployed in British Columbia for the years 1936-1939 as well as correspondence between the British Columbia Relief Commission and the federal relief commission on the subject of the single and homeless unemployed.

These records also include some documents of an unusual kind - relief project payrolls, relief camp travel requisition forms, 1933 "Trek" records - which in sum provide a good deal of information on B.C.'s unemployed men of the 1930's.

*RG 27 accession 72/624, General Service Files, 1936-1970, 56 ft./10.8 m.

Box 25 file 1-10Q-7	Queen Charlotte Island re Labour Situation - 1 April 1942-7 January 1947.
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Box 31 file 1-10"U"-188	United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union - Correspondence - 1 December 1959-1 May 1964.
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*RG 27 accession 72/626, Accident Prevention and Compensation Group, 1919-1964, 7 ft./2.1 m.

These records relate to provincial compensation legislation as well as organizations and associations concerned with accident prevention and compensation. B.C. material is collected in Volume 3, file 13-4-11 (1, 2, 3) Provincial Compensation Legislation - British Columbia, 22 August 1919-17 May 1939. This material consists of cases and rulings involving federal employees in British Columbia.

*RG 27 accession 73/43, Administration Files, 1931-1966, 26 ft./7.8 m.

Administration has generally been the responsibility of the departmental deputy minister. These files contain correspondence, memoranda, minutes and printed reports on a wide variety of topics including the following file on British Columbia, 1946.

Box 12 Suggestions and Representations - Strikes and file 3-26-10-5-1 and 2 Lockouts - Lumber Dispute (B.C.) 1946.

This file contains letters and memoranda sent to the Department of Labour by private individuals and organizations interested in the dispute. Included are copies of some union strike bulletins and transcripts of radio broadcasts sponsored by the British Columbia Lumber Industry during the strike.

*RG 27 accession 73-4/11, Collective Agreements, 1919-1962, 92 ft./27.6 m.

The Department of Labour receives copies of all collective agreements after they are signed. Resumés are frequently published in Labour Gazette but in many cases these files contain additional information in the form of correspondence, memoranda, copies of conciliation reports, and arbitration awards. Also some agreements were kept confidential by the parties involved.

These files are currently undergoing preliminary organization in the Public Records Division. When completely processed they will constitute an important source of information for labour historians.

*RG 27 accession 74-5/90, Strikes and Lockouts, 1963-1966, 24 ft./7.2 m.

These records are an extension of vols. 294-556 covering the years 1963-1966. Files on approximately 1800 strikes and lockouts occurring all over Canada (many in British Columbia) are included. This material is still in the preliminary stages of organization.

*RG 27 accession 74-5/90, Strikes and Lockouts, 1963-1966, 24 ft./7.2 m.
 Ces documents constituent la suite des vols. 294-556 et couvrent les
 années 1963-1966. Ils comprennent des dossiers sur environ 1 800
 grèves et lock-out dans tout le Canada (dont plusieurs en Colombie-
 Britannique). L'organisation de cette documentation ne fait que
 commencer.

*RG 27 accession 72/626, Accident Prevention and Compensation Group, 1919-1964, 7 ft./2.1 m.

Ces dossiers se rapportent aux lois provinciales sur les accidents de travail de même qu'aux organismes et associations qui s'occupent de prévention et d'indemnités relatives aux accidents de travail. La documentation portant sur la Colombie-Britannique est réunie dans le volume 3, dossier 13-4-11 (1, 2, 3), Provincial Compensation Legislation - British Columbia, 22 August 1919-17 May 1939. Cette documentation comprend des cas et des jugements des fonctionnaires fédéraux en Colombie-Britannique.

*RG 27 accession 73/43, Administration Files, 1931-1966, 26 ft./7.8 m.

Le sous-ministre a généralement été responsable de l'administration. Ces dossiers contiennent des lettres, notes de service, procès-verbaux et rapports imprimés sur une foule de sujets, y compris le dossier suivant sur la Colombie-Britannique en 1946.

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Suggestions and Representations - Strikes and
File 3-26-10-5-1 and 2 Lockouts - Lumber Dispute (B.C.) 1946.

Ce dossier contient des lettres et des notes de service envoyées au ministère du Travail par des particuliers et des organismes intéressés au différend. On y trouve des exemplaires de bulletins du syndicat durant la grève et des transcriptions d'émission radiophoniques recueillis par l'industrie du bois de la Colombie-Britannique au cours de la grève.

*RG 27 accession 13-4/11, Collective Agreements, 1919-1962, 92 ft./27.6 m.

Le ministère du Travail reçoit copie de toutes les conventions collectives signées. Des résumés sont souvent publiés dans la Libour (Lettre), mais il arrive souvent que des dossiers contiennent des renseignements supplémentaires sous forme de correspondance, de notes de service, de copies de rapports de conciliation et de tentatives arbitrales. Les parties s'entendaient parfois pour ne pas recourir certaines ententes.

La Division des archives fédérales est actuellement en train de classer méthodiquement ses dossiers. Quand ce travail sera terminé, il pourra fournir une importante source de renseignements sur l'histoire ouvrière.

- Box 25
 file 1-100-7
 Queen Charlotte Island Re Labour Situation -
 1 April 1942-7 January 1947.
- Box 31
 file 1-100-188
 United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union - Correspondence - 1 December 1959-1 May 1964.
- *RG 27 accession 72/624, General Service Files, 1936-1970, 36 ft./10.8 m.
- Box 25
 file 7-24-10
 Industrial Relations - Industrial Conditions in Various Industries - Pulp and Paper Industry - B.C. 1947-1966.
- Box 25
 file 7-24-11
 Industrial Relations - Industrial Conditions in Various Industries - Fruit and Vegetable Industry - Okanagan Valley, B.C. 1947-1951.
- Box 25
 file 7-24-13
 Industrial Conditions Relations Wages. Industrial Conditions in Various Industries. Furniture Industry in British Columbia, September 1947-June 1953.
- Box 27 accession 70/305, Unemployment Relief Commission, 1930-1942, 230 ft./69 m.
- La Commission d'assistance fédérale aux chômeurs administrait les lois adoptées par le gouvernement fédéral destinées à régler les principales répercussions de la Dépression sur le peuple canadien. Ces documents sont en voie d'organisation à la Division des archives fédérales. Environ 15 pour cent de la documentation (35 boîtes) traitent de la Colombie-Britannique. Le quart de ces documents traite de finances (réquisitions de chèques, comptes et paiements). La correspondance, les rapports et les notes de service entre les autorités fédérales et celles de la Colombie-Britannique forment près du tiers de ces 35 boîtes. On y trouve également des rapports détaillés sur l'activité des regroupements de chômeurs de Colombie-Britannique dans les années 1936-1939 aussi bien que la correspondance entre la commission d'assistance de la Colombie-Britannique et celle du fédéral au sujet des chômeurs célibataires et sans logis.
- Ces dossiers comprennent également des documents inusités - listes de paye de copies d'assistance, formules de demandes de voyage aux camps de secours, dossiers "Trek" (marche sur Ottawa) de 1935 -- qui, tous ensemble, apportent passablement de renseignements au sujet des chômeurs masculins de la Colombie-Britannique dans les années trente.

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Ces dossiers contiennent des rapports sur les différends dans l'industrie portés devant le ministère du Travail par les employeurs et les syndicats à la fois, de même que la correspondance qui s'y rapporte. Les dossiers concernant les grèves d'une certaine ampleur comprennent généralement un choix de coupures de presse.

Contient environ 1 200 grèves et lock-out qui eu lieu entre 1907 et 1962. De ce nombre, 167 sont antérieurs à 1920 et 180 se situent entre 1930 et 1934.

*RG 27 vols. 837-931, Committees, Conferences, Meetings, etc., 1920-1966, 63 ft./18.9 m.

Ces dossiers font état de commissions, de conférences, de comités et de conseils fédéraux traitant de problèmes de la vie ouvrière canadienne. Les vols. 842-845 contiennent les dossiers de la Commission fit d'abord partie du Service sélectif national; elle a étudié les problèmes généraux de main-d'oeuvre en Colombie-Britannique.

*RG 27 vols. 967-999, 1478-1526, National Selective Service Operations, 1939-1947, 40 ft./12 m.

Vols. 1524-1526: contiennent d'autres dossiers de la Pacific Regional Advisory Board.

*RG 27 vols. 1744-1894, Conciliation and Arbitration, 1944-1970, 123 ft./36.9 m.

La nomination d'agents de conciliation et d'arbitres des différends dans l'industrie constitue l'une des plus anciennes et des plus importantes fonctions du ministère du Travail. Ces dossiers contiennent 200 cas provenant de la province de la Colombie-Britannique auxquels le ministère a été mêlé. En font également partie les dossiers suivants:

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Dossiers administratifs traitant de questions d'immigration, y compris des répercussions des immigrants sur le marché du travail.

Le volume 288, dossier 1-26-40, 1-3 contient de la documentation relative au "British Columbia Immigrant Labour Project" entre février 1951 et juin 1952.

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Joseph Henry Laclelle fut à l'emploi du ministère du Travail de 1905 à 1946. Il a conçu le système de classement original du ministère et les dossiers dressés au cours de cette période sont réunis sous son nom. Ces dossiers traitent de tous les aspects de l'activité du ministère durant cette période.

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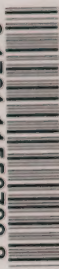
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